

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LUBBOCK DIVISION

STATE OF TEXAS,  
STATE OF ALASKA,  
STATE OF ALABAMA,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS,  
STATE OF FLORIDA,  
STATE OF GEORGIA,  
STATE OF INDIANA,  
STATE OF IOWA,  
STATE OF KANSAS,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
STATE OF MISSOURI,  
STATE OF MONTANA,  
STATE OF NEBRASKA,  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
STATE OF UTAH, and  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official Capacity  
as Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

*Defendants.*

CASE NO. 5:24-cv-00225-C

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

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The Plaintiff States of Texas, Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and West Virginia (Plaintiffs) and Defendants Robert F. Kennedy, in his official capacity as Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (Defendants) (together, the Parties), submit the following Joint Status Report in connection to the Court's Orders, ECF Nos. 60, 64. The Parties advise the Court as follows:

Defendants continue to evaluate their position in light of the President's recent Executive Order, which provides that agencies shall not "promote or otherwise inculcate gender ideology." *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*, White House (Jan. 20, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/>. And Defendants plan to release additional details regarding rulemaking plans related to Section 504 in the near future

Accordingly, the Parties ask that the Court not disturb the current stay of briefing deadlines. No Party would be prejudiced by the continuation of the stay and it would preserve the resources of the Parties and the Court. The Parties propose to file a Joint Status Report with the Court no later than October 27, 2025.

Dated: July 29, 2025.

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